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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
P. Van Voris et al.

Serial No.: 08/771,467

Filed: December 20, 1996

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
PROTECTION OF WOODEN
OBJECTS PROXIMATE SOIL
FROM PEST INVASION

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: N. Levy

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2002

Box Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002, for which the three-month date for response was February 28, 2003. Applicants have enclosed a petition for extension of time to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002, two (2) months, from February 28 to April 29, 2003.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.